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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON ME : BRITISH- EGYPTIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. IN FIRST STEP IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING SECOND ROUND OF SC DEBATE ON ME, ACTING UK PERMREP, WHO IS SC PRES MONTH OF JULY, CALLED ON EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID JULY 2. ACCORDING TO UK MISOFF,

MEGUID SUGGESTED AFTERNOON OF JULY 16 FOR FIRST SC SESSION. HE NOTED

THAT FONMIN ZAYYAT PRESENTLY SCHEDULED ARRIVE NEW YORK LATE EVENING JULY 14. BRITISH HAVE INFORMED ISRAELIS AND JORDANIANS OF THIS DATE AND INTEND CONSULT WITH SC MEMBERS ON THIS BASIS.

2. WHEN BRITISH TURNED SUBJECT TO WHAT SC MIGHT PRODUCE, MEGUID AGAIN PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AND SUGGESTED BRITISH PREPARE FIRST DRAFT. BRITISH, IN LINE WITH THEIR CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS, SUGGESTED THAT US AND EGYPT GET TOGETHER FIRST TO DETERMINE WHETHER SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO ME DEBATE COULD BE FOUND. MEGUID REPLIED THAT HE WANTED TO TALK SERIOUSLY AND IN DEPTH WITH AMB SCALI BUT BEMOANED FACT SCALI WAS PRESENTLY IN GENEVA. MOST THAT BRITISH COULD GET OUT OF MEGUID WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT NEXT ROUND
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OF SC DEBATE SHOULD SET IN MOTION A DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD, HE SAID, THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA COULD NOT ENTER THIS PROCESS IF THEY FACED PARTITION OF THEIR TERRITORIES. EGYPT, MEGUID EMPHASIZED, IS NOT PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. REFERRING TO US POSITION, MEGUID SAID EGYPT DID NOT WISH TO PROVOKE US VETO BUT WAS NOT AFRAID OF IT.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO BREZHNEV- NIXON COMMUNIQUE, MEGUID SAID EGYPT HAD NOT EXPECTED MUCH AND CERTAINLY DID NOT GET ANYTHING FROM SUMMIT TALKS. THEY HAD HEARD THAT ME HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH BUT APPARENTLY EACH SIDE RESTRICTED ITSELF TO STATING ITS RESPECTIVE POSITION. EGYPT HAD ALSO BEEN STRUCK BY SILENCE OF COMMUNIQUE ON UN.

4. WHEN BRITISH RAISED QUESTION OF WHEN SYG WOULD RETURN TO NEW YORK, MEGUID SAID HE THOUGHT JULY 9 WAS SCHEDULED AND MENTIONED HE HAD SEEN SYG JUNE 29. HE GAVE NO INFO ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF HIS TALK WITH SYG. (BRITISH HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY SECRETARIAT THAT MEGUID URGED SYG VISIT AREA BEFORE WEEK OF JULY 16.)

5. ACTING UK PERMREP JAMIESON LATER CALLED AMB BENNETT AND GAVE ADDITIONAL INFO THAT MEGUID HAD INSISTED SC MUST PRODUCE RES (CONSENSUS PROCEDURE UNACCEPTABLE) BUT COMMENTED THAT EGYPT WANTED AVOID ANOTHER GENERAL DEBATE AND HOPED ONLY SC MEMBERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SECOND ROUND. IN RESPONSE TO JAMIESON' S SUGGESTION OF US- EGYPTIAN CONSULTATIONS HERE IN NEW YORK, BENNETT NOTED THAT AT PRESENT THERE SEEMED LITTLE TO EXCHANGE EXCEPT TO REHASH WELL KNOWN VIEWS. ON JULY 3 BENNETT TELEPHONED JAMIESON AND STATED WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID SEEKING MEETING WITH EGYPTIANS UNTIL RESULTS OF SYG' S INITIATIVE WERE KNOWN AND THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE GOOD IDEA AS WELL TO SLOW DOWN CONSULTATIONS HERE. ALSO, BENNETT SAID, JULY 16 SEEMED TOO EARLY ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE WITH ZAYYAT AND THAT 18 TH OR 19 TH APPEARED MORE REALISTIC. IN THAT CONNECTION HE MADE POINT AMB SCALI NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE JULY 18. JAMIESON, IN HIS ROLE AS SC PRESIDENT, REPLIED THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE REQUESTED JULY 16 AND SYG ANXIOUS HAVE SC COMPLETE ITS WORK BEFORE
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JULY 21 WHEN HE DEPARTS FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR.

6. ACCORDING TO UK MISOFF, REPORT ON EBAN- BALNIEL DISCUSSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
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